

NEVADA COUNTY
MIOCR ACT Team (\$700,000 grant)

This program involves an expansion of the county's Mental Health Court, more in-depth mental health assessments for more offenders who are booked into jail, and creation of a multi-disciplinary team to provide case management, treatment and support services based on the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model.

With grant funds, the county's existing Mental Health Court will convene weekly rather than bi-weekly and serve twice the number of offenders (from 15 to 30). Grant funds will also be used to expand the mental health assessment tool currently used in the jail and to increase the number of offenders who are assessed for mental illness.

The lion's share of funds will be used to establish a multi-disciplinary treatment team that will create and implement individualized plans for 50 mentally ill offenders, who will participate – along with their family members, whenever possible – in developing the plans. The team of direct service providers includes a peer specialist, psychiatrist, psychotherapist, nurse, three case managers, substance abuse counselor and supervisor. In addition to psychiatric services, specialty mental health services, and substance abuse treatment, the team will provide individual and group rehabilitation services that may include assistance with housing (e.g., emergency and temporary shelter as well as rental deposits and subsidies for permanent housing), basic life needs such as food and clothing, education and training, and skill development. A deputy probation officer will provide intensive supervision for offenders in the community.

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